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## TWO GIANTS OUT IN THE COLD:

### Gelei



• Joe Gelei

By PETER SCOTT

Have you ever wondered what has happened to Joe Gelei? Well, wonder no more.

The former Hungarian World Cup star and coach is alive and well in Sydney, and trying to work out the mysteries of free-enterprise capitalism, as it operates in Australia.

Gelei, as you will recall, was appointed full-time manager/coach in late 1978, to lift the ailing fortunes of PSL also-rans St George.

Within two months of the league's kick-off last year, he was out on his ear, to be replaced by Raul Blanco, who, frankly, hasn't done that much better.

Since then Gelei a big, hulking, quietly-spoken and polite bear of a man, has kept silent.

Until recently that is, when he finally split the proverbial beans to a visiting Hungarian journalist, and Gelei's revelations have now seen print in the Budapest sports daily, "Nepsport."

In a frank interview the former St. George "super-mo," now working out his contract by looking after juniors and high schools in the district, boldly stated that St. George's com-

mittee did not agree with his dismissal from the top position.

"However, in this club once the president makes his views known everybody else is helpless," he said.

"Incidentally, he loves football, even has an understanding of the game, but in this instance . . ."

Gelei went on to discuss the circumstances of his demotion by St. George president Alex Pongrass.

"Following the eighth round of the 1979 PSL, president Pongrass called me to his office and asked me point blank whether I would like to receive three months' severance pay and fly home to Hungary, or take over the junior program in the district."

I was flabbergasted and requested 24 hours to think it over."

Gelei recounted the sleepless night he spent before deciding to stay in Sydney until the expiry of his contract on September 15 this year.

As for Alex Pongrass' reasons for the firing of Gelei, he diplomatically explained that for St George "looking after the juniors is a very important task".

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### The moment of glory

Triumphant Australian captain Eddie Krnecic holds up the Oceania Cup which the young Socceroos won after beating Tahiti 4-2 in the final in Noumea. The Australians are in Tahiti shirts, after having swapped with opposing players. It's one of many pictures taken by UTE GUTENDORF, wife of national coach Rudi Gutendorf, during the Cup tournament.

• A double-page spread of Ute's pictures, exclusive to "Soccer Action", appears on pages 8 and 9 of this issue.

### Melbourne favored again



### Iran 'better than 1978'

Iran is stronger now than it was in the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina, according to national coach Rudi Gutendorf.

Gutendorf flew to Singapore to watch Iran win its qualifying round for the Olympic soccer final.

In the final Singapore 4-0 in the tournament final, and Sri Lanka 11-0 in an earlier match, Iran showed it is not a spent force, as everyone had imagined.

Gutendorf said the present Iran team includes five members of the team that played in the 1978 World Cup finals.

Some of the Iranian players well-known to the Socceroos are Nasser Hejazi, Nasrullah Abdulahi, Hossein Faraki, Farzad Parvin and Behzad Fariba.

Lt. Col. Nasser, chief of the Iranian tour party, told Gutendorf that the players were now being motivated to play in the cause of the revolution, rather than for money.

"He told me he was sure Iran will qualify for the World Cup, and he considers South Korea and Australia will provide the strongest challenge," Gutendorf said.

"Iran did nothing during 11 months of the revolution, then they played four times against the Soviet Union, winning twice and losing twice."

"They went into training camp for no less than three and a half months for the Olympic qualifying series and during that period, they had only two weekends off."

Gutendorf said Iran would be Australia's toughest World Cup opponent. He was not impressed by North Korea in its 2-1 victory over India. He will watch South Korea in Kuala Lumpur in two weeks' time. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

### Munro



• Frank Munro

South Melbourne has sacked its Scottish international defender Frank Munro.

Munro has been placed on the transfer list after a turbulent six months, during which he issued a writ against South Melbourne for alleged breach of contract and was suspended for criticising the club in a 'Soccer Action' interview.

Munro said in the interview "The running of the (South Melbourne) club must improve. The administration has made mistakes and must not repeat them ... if the club is to be successful there must be changes."

He also said South Melbourne's first team squad was too big, a comment which angered the administration.

South Melbourne settled out of court after Munro issued the writ.

The former Dundee Utd, Aberdeen, Wolves and Celtic centre half cost South Melbourne \$20,000 in 1978.

However, South Melbourne president Sam Papasavas said the club is willing to release Munro for 'any reasonable offer.'

Munro's sacking comes just two weeks after he was dropped from the team by coach John Margaritis, and replaced by youngster Steve Blair.

He has now come to the end of the road with South Melbourne, and possibly may be snapped up by a Victorian State league club as player-coach.

Meanwhile, Mendo Ristovski asked South Melbourne for a transfer but withdrew the request soon afterwards. — KYLE PATTERSON.

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## PSL must work to revive the public's interest

What's wrong with soccer? Have people lost interest or was the poor first-round attendance due to the rain and petrol strike in Sydney?

Soccer is booming at junior level, but suddenly the big league has gone silent.

Even the enthusiasm of the players seems to have waned.

Whereas we used to see club T shirts, badges, ties, and other souvenirs at many grounds, this paraphernalia isn't as common anymore — Newcastle excluded.

Matches between South Melbourne and Heidelberg United always have drawn more than 10,000 people. In the first round, though, it drew only just over 8,000 — of whom 6661 paid.

The league bosses must monitor the situation closely in the next few weeks.

If things do not improve, the clubs and the league administrators must get together for crisis talks aimed at reviving enthusiasm among the public.

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I have nothing but respect for the great Bobby Charlton and for Bruce Stowell who, with Pan Hellenic, proved himself as probably the best defensive midfielder yet seen in this country.

It was great to see Stowell in action again for Blacktown City after a long lay-off, and of course it's always a special occasion when one sees Charlton, even though he is over 40 now.



**RALE RASIC**

Congratulations are due to coach Mick Jones, his players and the hard-working committee of Blacktown for their fine start to the league season, with that 4-2 victory over St. George.

However, it doesn't say much for our soccer that Charlton, at his age, and St. George, whose career had been over, can step into Australia's biggest league and steer a team to such a victory.

We should be ashamed that we were unable to produce a new, young player for the position Powell had to fill. And we should be worried indeed that an old player like Charlton can make such an impression on a team at this level.

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I appeal to the bosses of Canberra City to give Vic Fernandez a fair go.

## MASON STAYS

Midfielder Craig Mason will stay with Newcastle KB United after all, because the club has cut down the number of "temporary residency" players on its books.

Mason, Mark Trenter and Paul Reaney are the only players left with temporary residence status.

This follows the granting of permanent residency to Graham Heys, Jim Preston and David Jones, even though they have been in Australia for only three years.

Mason was going to transfer to Rapid Wrest Point in Hobart because Newcastle wanted to cut down on its temporary residency players.

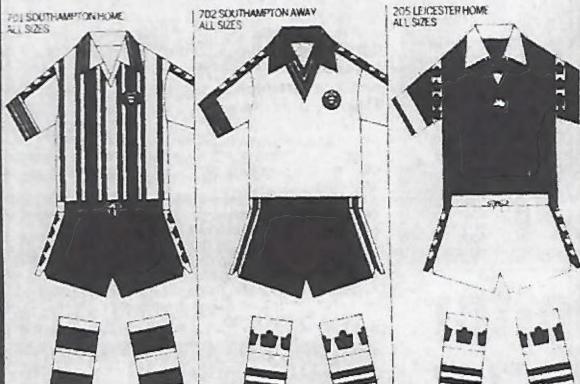
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# 'ROOS TO FACE GEORGE BEST?

BY BRUCE WADDELL

Controversial soccer superstar George Best looks certain to play in Australia later this year.

Chairman of the Northern Ireland Football Association, Mr Harry Cavan, said Best would be considered for the national team, which will tour Australia in June as part of the Centenary celebrations.

Mr Cavan was one of three FIFA officials in Australia last week to make preliminary inspections for the 1981 World Youth tournament in October next year.

He was speaking in Brisbane after looking at possible venues in Adelaide and Melbourne.

Mr Cavan was accompanied by Switzerland's Sepp Blatter and Luxembourg's Rene Courte and after leaving Brisbane the group was to make ground inspections in Sydney and Newcastle.

Mr Courte, the Assistant Senior Secretary of FIFA, was then due to fly to Barcelona to examine preparations for the 1982 World Cup in Spain.

Mr Cavan, who has been the Northern Ireland chairman for 25 years, and on the committee for 43 years, said he hoped to accompany the National team to Australia in June.

"Originally we were to leave Belfast on June 9, but the ASF now wants it put back to June 18, which could cause a bit of a problem," he said.

"We have a lot of our national team players involved with English clubs and a later tour to Australia would clash with the start of the 1980-1981 season."

One could not dispute the first part of that statement, considering the high percentage of Irishmen involved in last year's FA cup final between Arsenal and Manchester United.

Mr Cavan naturally would be well qualified to comment on the career of the wayward best. "Despite everything he has done wrong, he is still idolised by thousands of football supporters."

"Just look at how he tripled home gates for Hibernian and how he was subsequently given a second chance by the club."

"We never had the slightest bit of trouble with Best when he played for Northern Ireland and I can see no reason why he should not come to Australia if he is playing well enough," Mr Cavan added.

The grounds inspected in Brisbane were Rugby League headquarters, Lang Park, the Commonwealth Games QE 2 Stadium at Nathan and the Exhibition showgrounds.

Perry Park is not big enough to handle the expected crowds of between 15,000 and 20,000 for such a tournament.

QE 2 is reportedly not big enough to accommodate an international size pitch, something which was incredibly overlooked when it was built.

The exhibition ground can hold over 30,000 spectators but has not suitable press facilities.

Lang Park seems to be the favorite, although the major problem would be the state of the playing surface once League players had finished with it during the season.

Buit is a tremendous football stadium, and as the league season usually finishes in September there would be time to improve the surface before the tournament begins.



George Best

## Victoria not champion yet, says Queensland's coach



Queensland's coach  
Ron Smith.

Victoria's coach  
Len McKendry.



Queensland defender Jim Hermitson and  
goalkeeper Nigel Lowndes of Brisbane Lions.

Victoria should wait until after the Queen's Birthday holiday in June before declaring itself the champion Australian soccer state.

The comment was made this week by Ron Smith, Queensland's new Director of Coaching, who will be in charge of the State side which meets Victoria at Perry Park in the first clash between the two states in 17 years.

Smith made the challenge after reading a report of the match between Victoria and New South Wales in a recent edition of "Soccer Action".

Reporter Kyle Patterson, in reviewing the match, said: "Victoria is now the champion of Australia by default."

He also said: "What hope would Victoria have of drawing large crowds against the unglamorous State sides of Queensland and South Australia."

"I have not been in Queensland very long, but I know that the Queensland team has had some reasonable results against touring sides," Smith said.

"And I feel we see how a team which contains players like George Potter, Jim Hermitson, John Coyne, Steve Perry and Col Egan could be termed unglamorous."

Smith claims also that Queensland will have an advantage when it comes to the selection of the respective teams.

Victoria's players come from three PSL teams, and there is usually a high proportion of State League players.

"In the past, the Queensland team has been comprised mainly of players from Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions, so at least they will be accustomed to playing with one another," he said.

Smith lived in Melbourne for some time before returning to England, and following an appointment in Iceland he came to Queensland.

So he should know a good deal about the form and ability of most of the Victorian players.

"I realize Victoria has the score on the board against top overseas opposition in recent seasons, but I feel everyone should wait until June before aspiring to be called champions of Australia."

— BRUCE WADDELL

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## PHILIPS LEAGUE TEAM OF WEEK

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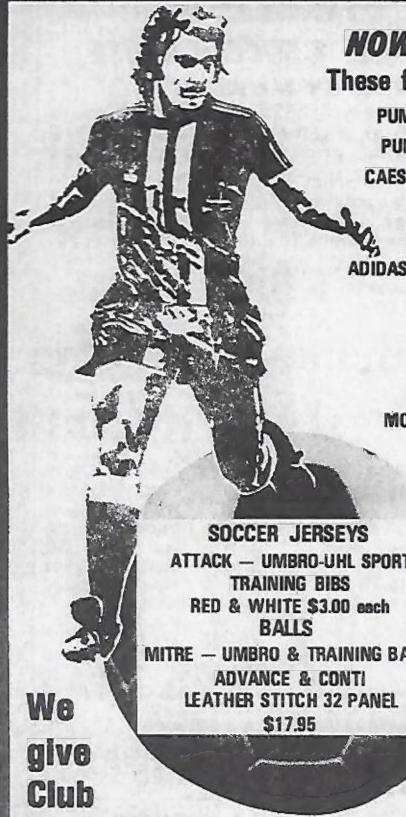
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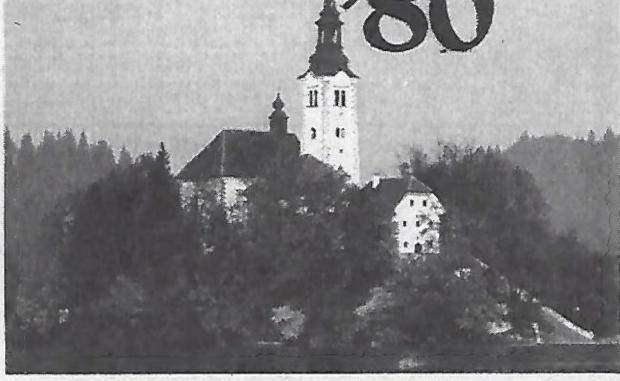
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HEIDELBERG: Banovic 9 — McMillan 9, Yzendoorn 7, Bannon 9, Tansey 8 — Campbell 8, Selimidis 8, Rooney 8 — Bozikas 7, Paton 7, Cole 9.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 8 — Topolanski 7 — McGregor 5, Ford 5, Tymczyszyn 5, (Totsikas 5, half time), Bozanic 6 — Atsala 6, Carruthers 9 — Honeymen 6, Kosmina 7, Boyle 6.

NEWCASTLE KB UTD 0 SYDNEY CITY 3 at International Sports Centre, Newcastle. Ratings by Joe Lanconi.

NEWCASTLE: Preston 8 — Reaney 7, Summerscales 6, Drinkwater 6, Curran 6 — Senakski 6, Bergogno 6 (Mason 60th min), Tredinnick 7 — Heys 6, Trenter 7, Jones 7 (Burrows 71st min).

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 8 — Souness 8, Thompson 7 (Spanos 75th min), O'Connor 7 (Patikan 85th min), Bruce 7 — Stevenson 8, Barnes 8, Watson 8 — Borges 7, Boden 7, Silva 8.

BRISBANE LIONS 1 SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 at Lions Stadium. Ratings by Bruce Waddell.

LIONS: Lowndes 7 — Ontong 6 (Hogg 70th), Bennett 7, Hemmings 8, Niven 8 — Lindsay 6, Millman 7, Wilson 8 — Reid 6, McNaughton 6, McGregor 6 (Hughes 6, 55th).

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 8 — V. Bannon 9, Xanthopoulos 7, Blair 7, Lutton 6 — Christopoulos 7, Rogers 8, Wright 7 (Kafatidis 6, 55th) — Evans 7, Buljevic 6, Campbell 8.

MARCONI 9 BLACKTOWN 0 at Marconi Oval Ratings by Roger Sherack:

MARCONI: Maher 8, Brogan 6, Prskalo 8, Mariani 8, Degney 7, Byrne 8, Vieri 9, Raskopoulos 8, Jankovic 8, Kneovic 10, Sharne 9.

BLACKTOWN: James 5, Harris 5, Stowell 5, Turnbull 8, Taylor 6, (Pena 5 — 45th), Harding 5, Ortega 5 (Dolton 73), Amey 6, Wilkinson 5, Pollard 6, Fisher 6.

ADELAIDE CITY 0 BRISBANE CITY 0 at Olympic Sports Field, Adelaide. Ratings by Mono Toudaisid.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7, Dodds 6, Jones 7, Russell 7, N. Nyskohus 8, Perin 7 (Muir), Muniz 6 (Melta), Northcote 7, Deans 7, J. Nyskohus 7, Macrossi 8.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 8, Potter 7, Ratcliffe 7, Perry 7, Gaffney 6, Palinkas 6, Low 7, Caldwell 6, Kelsi 7, Coyne 7, Wilkinson 7.

ST GEORGE 1 LEICHHARDT 0 at St George Stadium. Ratings by Tom Anderson.

ST GEORGE: Smith 7, Groome 6, Terry 6, Urtesio 6, McIntosh 7, Kay 8, Katholos 9, Davies 8, Milajovic 6, (Buloch 6), Beggs 7, Griffiths 7.

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 7, McGinn 8, McAusland 6, Dempsey 7, Wilson 8, Stone 7, O'Donnell 5 (Pullen 6), Bradley 6, Drews 6, Morselle 6, O'Connor 8.

Leading ratings:

9.0 V. Bannon (SM), Boland (F).  
8.5 Laumets (SM), Krcevic (Marc), Turnbull (Black).

8.0 Carruthers, Topolanski (WA), Souness, Silva, Watson, Barnes, Boden, Stevenson, Clarke (SC), Blair (SM), Prskalo (Marc), McMillan, Yzendoorn, P. Bannon, Tansey, Selimidis, Cole (H'berg), Kondorians, O'Reilly, Jovanovic (F), J. O'Shea (Can), Hermison (BC), Wishart (BC), P. O'Connor (APIA), Marocchi (AC).

# Gelei took young Saints to title

From page one

**Joe Gelei has had a distinguished career, both as player and as coach.**

He is a former Hungarian youth, junior, B and full international and was a member of the Olympic champion side in 1964.

An outstanding goalkeeper with top clubs MTK and Tatabanya, later chose the career of coach — which in Hungary means security, unless the Football Association agrees to severance of a contract before its expiry.

At Tatabanya he was assistant to the famed Dr Karoly Lakat, who also coached the Olympic side and is the current manager-coach of the Hungarian national squad.

This was followed by coaching stints with second division Szolnok and as assistant coach at first division Vasas, before coming to Sydney.

**Then the crash ...**

"I don't believe I have anything to be ashamed of," Gelei said.

"When I arrived here I took over a squad of 24 players, made up of eight nationalities, some of whom couldn't speak English."

"The previous year St George looked like wooden-spooners for a long time, before they brought out Tottenham midfielders Ralph Coates, who, in the eleventh hour, managed to pull them into seventh spot."

"Unfortunately, by the time I took over as coach, he had returned to Britain."

In spite of these problems, Gelei points with pride to fourth placing in last year's Ampol Cup.

"Not bad for a team thought to myself, but it seems I was wrong," he admitted.

"The first nipples came my way at that time, claiming that I had overworked the players and letting me know I would be the scapegoat if we didn't do too well in the PSL."

"Imagine their reaction when we gathered only two points in the first eight games; that was the crunch!"

Was Alex Pongrass correct in his assessment of the situation?

"That's quite a question. You shouldn't forget that I am an employee of St George and criticism of the club's leaders is a highly dangerous course of action."

"Let me just reiterate that the squad of players at my disposal was of extremely low standard."

As for the "fortunes" of St George since Gelei's dismissal?

The team finished eleventh last year's PSL and was threatened with relegation almost to the very end, and started off this year with a 4-2 loss against Melbourne United City.

Not a terribly distinguished record by any measure.

In the meantime rumors spread wildly in Budapest, in the manner which can be matched by few other cities in the world.

Gelei has failed, is unemployed, has decided not to return to Hungary.

Well, Gelei maintains that come September he and his family will be on a plane to Hungary.

His older son Joe already has returned home to continue his studies for matriculation, while wife Emmy and 15 year old Charlie are still in Sydney.

"I also put a lot of effort into junior work."

"When I took over the under-21 team, they were in eighth place after 10 rounds."

"You should have seen everyone's surprise when we went on to win the championship!" he remembered fondly.

Wife Emmy, not afflicted by her husband's modesty, pointed out that she also regularly visits 25 high schools, where she holds clinics, signs up talented youngsters and generally helps in popularising soccer.

He also has managed to organise an age-group championship.

"Joe is on the run from 6 am to late at night," she said.

Gelei, of course, praises his employers.

"They kept all their promises, a nice flat, good salary and I made many new friends."

"But ... if they only had a little patience in the search for success," he said wistfully.

As a result of the "Gelei Affair", this well credentialled coach lives in a nice flat, which is not a home, contains no individual touches.

"We are not buying anything or spending money on the flat, as we'll be going home," Emmy said.

As for Australian soccer, while nobody knows whether Gelei would have succeeded or not, predicting the kind which appeared in the last year's PSL is not something for the esteem in which this far outpost of world soccer is held overseas.

Neither will we ever know whether Joe Gelei could have made a meaningful contribution to our soccer.

And St George? Nobody would be foolish enough to claim that things are much better now than they were this time last year!

# Ampol final to draw 10,000

**The NSW Ampol Cup final between Olympic and Croatia on Friday night at the Sydney Sports Ground will be seen by an estimated 10,000 spectators.**

With crowds well below par in the first round of the State League, the NSW Soccer Federation will certainly be smiling as the two teams line up for what promises to be an entertaining game of soccer.

Let's look at the possible line-ups for Friday:

## SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Peter Wilson  
Greg Ankudinoff Ken Wilson Billy Palmer Mike Cross  
Ian Rowden Derek Laing Houssein Housseini  
Peter Henneman Cliff Eaton Andy Scott

## SYDNEY CROATIA

Steve Watson  
Andrija Kovacic Bruno Capalj Tom Basic Greg Smith  
Wally Savor Zdenko Kafka Peter Mullen  
Marian Kovacic Kevin Coleman Maurice Sullivan

## PSL leaders clash for first place

**First place on the Philips League ladder is at stake when Sydney City (first) meet Heidelberg United (second) at the Sydney Sports Ground on Sunday.**

If they draw, South Melbourne Hellas could jump into place on goal difference, provided it scores a substantial victory over West Adelaide at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Footscray's match against Canberra was called off last Saturday when the Canberra team was unable to get a plane, so potentially, Footscray is in the four ahead of Manningham.

It can strengthen its position by beating Brisbane Lions at Middle Park in the only Saturday match of the round.

**Fixtures:**

**IN SYDNEY**  
Sydney City v Heidelberg (draw) at Sydney Sports Ground, Sunday 3 pm. Previous results, 1977 — SC 3-1, 1-1; 1978 — SE 2-1, 1-1; 1979 — H'be 3-2, 3-1. Two wins each and two draws.

Blacktown City v NEWCASTLE KB UNITED at Gable Stadium, Sunday 3 pm. No previous results.

APIA-Leichhardt v MARCONI at Lambart Park, Sunday 3 pm. Previous results, 1979 — Marc 2-0, 0-0.

**IN ADELAIDE**

West Adelaide v SOUTH MELBOURNE at Hindmarsh, Sunday, 2.30 pm. Previous results, 1977 — WA 2-1, 1-1; 1978 — WA 2-0, 3-1; 1979 — WA 4-3, SM 1-0. Advantage: West Adelaide 4 wins, 1 draw, 1 lost, goals 33-6.

**IN MELBOURNE**

FOOTSCRAY v J.U.S.T. v Brisbane Lions at Middle Park, Sunday 3 pm. Previous results, 1977 — Footscray 2-1, 1-1; 1978 — Footscray 2-1, 1-1; 1979 — Footscray 2-1, 1-1. Two wins each and two draws.

**IN BRISBANE**

BRISBANE CITY v St George at Perry Park, Sunday 3 pm. Previous results, 1977 — St. G. 3-2; 1-1; 1978 — St. G. 4-1, 2-0; 1979 — BC 4-0, 1-0. Advantage: St George 3 wins, 1 draw, 2 losses, goals 33-12.

**IN CANBERRA**

Canberra City v Adelaide City (draw) at Bruce Stadium, Sunday 3 pm. Previous results, 1977 — AC 2-0, 1-1; 1978 — AC 3-1, 2-2; 1979 — AC 2-1, 2-0. Advantage: Adelaide City 4 wins, 2 draws, no losses, goals 12-5.

Both sides are well equipped in all departments and should provide us with all kinds of entertainments. Housseini and Kafka, First Division players from Iran and Yugoslavia respectively, are the most skillful players in the State League at the moment and will definitely have a great bearing on the outcome of this game.

Housseini, a slender but tough Iranian international, could prove a match-winner with experience. Kafka, already a star as far as the Croatian supporters are concerned, ran rings around Kuringai in the last State League outing and scored a brilliant goal to give his team the first two-pointer of the season. With Mullen and Savor helping proceedings in the middle of the park Olympic will have a lot of trouble controlling play.

Tom Basic and Greg Smith have been outstanding this year, while Bruno Capaj and Andy Kovacic are yet to rise to the same heights. While one can assume that Smith might not have too much trouble dealing with Peter Henneman, Andy Scott could prove a handful for young Andy Kovacic on the other flank.

Croatian attack is strong but definitely needs more fire power to overcome Olympic's back four, ably led by the new skipper, Ken Wilson.

It is going to be a bruising game with the winner very difficult to predict, but since Sydney Olympic is the favorite, I'll go for the underdog to win the extra time. — TED SMITHIES



## Big prize for goals

**The 1980 Philips League top scorer will win a return air trip to Europe, through "Soccer Action".**

The trip will be provided through Goldair of Shop 44, Upper Plaza, Southern Cross Hotel, Melbourne.

It is the third Philips League award run by "Soccer Action".

The best player will receive a return trip for two to Europe, flying Yugoslav Airlines, and the Goalkeeper of the Year will win a valuable watch from Konstantine Jewel Box.

## New post

Fred Hutchinson has relinquished his post as chairman of the Victorian Referees' Committee to become a member of the VSF Appeals Board. A referee in the fifties, Hutchinson later served on the committees of Ringwood Willingale and Hakoah.

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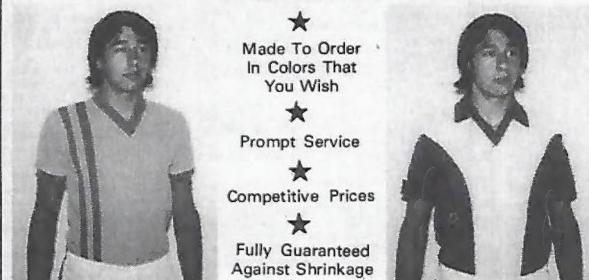
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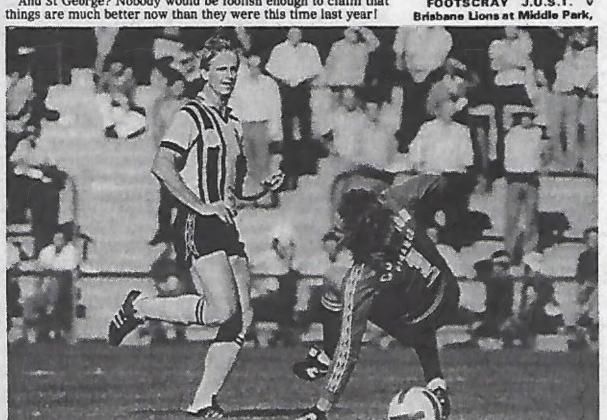
## Operation for McClelland

Newcastle KB United's youth international Malcolm McClelland is out of action for at least a month due to an operation to a chipped bone in his foot.



## GOALIE GLOVES

WORN WORLDWIDE



This shot by Gary Cole beat goalkeeper Martyn Crook, but rolled past the post. Cole notched a hat-trick for Heidelberg against West Adelaide but could have got more. Picture by STEVE CHATZIS.

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Joe Lanzoni

## Lions' sad homecoming

BRISBANE LIONS 1  
SOUTH MELBOURNE 2Goals: Lions: Reid 50th;  
South Melb.: Campbell 3rd.,  
Rogers 67th.

Ground: Lions Stadium.

Crowd: about 2000.

Referee: Dale Nugent 7.

Brisbane Lions had their plans for a celebration shattered when they were defeated by South Melbourne in the inaugural Phillips League match at Lions' home stadium.

Lions were playing for the first time at their home ground since the inception of the league and were jolted when diminutive South Melbourne winger George Campbell scored after only three minutes.

Campbell hammered a shot past keeper Nigel Lowndes after running onto a clever backheel by Branko Buljevic seconds after Lions striker, Graeme Wilson had scored a shot over the South Melbourne bar.

Campbell proved to be the master on the field with his jinking runs and clever ball skills which constantly worried the Lions defence. Vince Barnes also did well.

Lions levelled the scores shortly after half time when John Reid picked up a rebound off the upright and blasted past Souths keeper, Peter Laumens in the 50th minute.

Lions appeared to be well in control at this stage but they underestimated the speed and stamina of South Melbourne in the humid conditions.

The visitors were unlucky not to score in the 65th minute when Lowndes tipped a cross from Vince Bannon into the bar but Campbell stood waiting for a mistake.

The winning goal came midway through the second half as Bill Rogers received a perfectly floated cross from Campbell on the wing, wiving to the back of the net.

## Watters away

Altona City (Vic) midfielder George Watters is seeking a transfer.

Watters, 26, joined from St. Albans and has had 95 State League games.

He was Altona's best and fairest player in 1978. Watters can be contacted on 363 6140.

## For sale

Werribee (Vic) has put John Martin and Stan Kain on the transfer list.

Martin, the former Footscray JUST midfielder, and Kain, a defender with Polonia and Green Gully, are experienced players.

Any clubs interested in the two should contact Werribee team manager Joe Dignacchio on 741 2076.

## Terry No 1

England midfielder Terry McDermott of Liverpool has been voted player of the year by his fellow professionals in English League soccer.

The award for young player of the year, went to Tottenham's Glenn Hod-



## So many misses . . .

HEIDELBERG 4  
WEST ADEL 2Scorers: H'berg: Cole 4th,  
9th & 11th, Paton 38th; W.  
Adel: Atsalas 57th, Kosmina  
75th.

Ground: Olympic Park.

Crowd: 4185.

Weather: Fine.

Referee: Bambridge 8.

Jimmy Rooney predicted before this game that Heidelberg would go close to winning the PSL championship and that Gary Cole and Jamie Paton would score up to 30 goals between them.

Heidelberg's whirlwind start against West Adelaide justified both claims but the second half was a little disappointing.

But then, Heidelberg should have led 7-0 by the time Steve Atsalas scored the first goal for West Adelaide.

Cole trampled the five-man West Adelaide defence, scoring three goals in the first 11 minutes. He continued to outrun his opponents on through balls from Pat Bannon and Rooney, but the ball simply wouldn't go in.

Having scored his hat-trick, and having aided Paton in scoring the fourth goal, Cole broke away again on a solo run just before half time. He cut in from the left and ran right up to goalkeeper Martin Crook who had come out to narrow Cole's shooting space. Cole tried to angle his shot past Crook, inside the far post, but missed narrowly.

Cole streaked away again in the 54th minute on a through ball from Bannon, leaving his marker, Tom Forde Jnr., for dead. Again Crook came at him, and in attempting to lob over him, Cole hit the bar.

Two minutes later it was a through ball from Rooney that sent Cole galloping clear, with both Forde and substitute Tom Totsikas beaten for pace.

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Until they stabilise, both these teams will produce in and out form, getting good results one week and failing the next.

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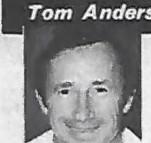
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## Pirie will add power

ST. GEORGE 1  
LEICHHARDT 0

Scored: Kay (5th minute)

Ground: St George Stadium.

Weather: Windy.

Referee: Tony Boskovic 8.

Cautions: Paul Kay.

This was an interesting clash between two teams in the rehabilitation stages and not yet near their peak.

St. George, pursuing an ambitious youth policy, deserved to win and had the better of the exchanges.

They dominated in midfield where their three talented youngsters — youth internationals Paul Kay and Peter Karolos — and former Canterbury City star John Davies proved a talented combination.

Leichhardt had no answer. Only former Soccerro Peter Stoen looked the part in midfield.

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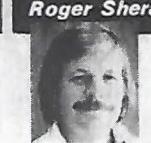
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## Vieri the maestro

MARCONI 9  
BLACKTOWN 0

Scored: Krcevic (4) 22nd,

23rd, 63rd, 76th, Jankovic (3)

49th, 59th, 71st, Sharne 81st,

Vieri 65th.

Ground: Marconi Stadium.

Crowd: 5527.

Referee: Richard Lorenz 9.

Cautions: nil.

In the opening minutes of this game, Marconi exploded into action through Peter Sharne and almost scored.

Sharne was on the ball to add a pass from Roberto Vieri, then race past a couple of players before crossing into the area for Jankovic to head the ball over the bar.

Seconds later, Sharne was on the spot to fire a thunderbolt from just inside the area that luckily went inches wide of the left upright.

It was a start which knocked the wind out of Blacktown and showed the champion of Australia true form.

After a bright opening, Marconi went through a period of slow play which suited Blacktown and for a moment, it looked as if the visitors might snatch a point from its visit to Bosley Park. In fact, it was Blacktown and not Marconi that almost snatched the lead in the 13th minute when Warren Turnbull raced almost 35 metres before unleashing a powerful drive which grazed a defender and the upright with Maher desperately diving to his left.

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# KB still growing

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It has gained a sponsor for each of its matches at the International Sports Centre — more than a dozen in all.

The sponsor for Sunday's match against Sydney City is a well-known organisation, the N.I.B. Health Fund.

The club has formed a girls' marching band and a girls' cheer squad. Both have been in training for some months and will make their first appearance on Sunday, while the 2N.G. Newcastle Permanent sky-diving team is to float on to the International Sports Centre playing pitch from the start of the main match.

The Supporters' Club caravan, with a wide variety of goods which publicise the club and its activities, will be stationed at the ground for each home fixture.

The demand for permanent seating in the grandstand has been so great that applications must be made in writing to the club, which will allocate the seats.

The donor of the Golden Ball, valued at more than \$2000 at the time it was offered to the club last season, will make a similar gift for the best goal in a home match in 1988.

The sponsor of this competition, which attracted such great interest last year, is a Newcastle firm, Scorer Bullio Dealers.

The judging in 1988 will be on slightly different lines to that of last season. Each month's scorer of the best goal will not be announced as previously and the judges will not make their decision known until the club's Presentation Night in October.

The judges this season will be Dr David Waddell, Sports Director of NBN Channel 3, Ray Baartz, one of Australia's "greats" in the last 20 years, and Bob Cameron, a former Leeds United player, who was player-coach for Adamstowne Rosebuds for several seasons.

The 1979 Golden Ball was won by Kenny Boden, who was overseas and so missed the club's Presentation Night. Before the start of Sunday's match, Mr Brendan Scorer, one of the principals of Scorer Bullio Dealers, will present the trophy to Boden.

And the club's Promotions Committee has come out with a plan to form a club band! It may not be long before KB United teams are played on to the ground by the club's own musicians. — JACK MATHEWS.

## Norris at Heidelberg

Former Ringwood-Wilhelmina and Croatia star Ollie Norris has been appointed secretary-manager of Heidelberg United.

His initial aim is to start a supporters' club.

Norris saved Footscray J.U.S.T. from relegation when he coached the team in 1986. And, as player-coach, he engineered Croatia's promotion to the State League.

## QSF leader dies

Bill Waddell, president of the Queensland Soccer Federation, died at the weekend.

Mr. Waddell, father of "Soccer Action" and "Courier Mail" writer Bruce Waddell, was the Socceros' tour leader during the recent Oceanic Cup tournament in Noumea.

All of "Soccer Action" extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. Waddell's family.

Mr. Waddell, 60, was chairman of the Perry Park Trust.

He was a champion lawn bowler and a brilliant musician before becoming involved in the travel industry.

## Aldridge takes off

Prahran Slavia striker Steve Aldridge has gone bunk — plunging his club into further crisis.

Aldridge left Australia and returned to England without informing Slavia, and is unlikely to return.

Slavia, midfielder Paul Cooke, who shared a flat with Aldridge, arrived home one night last Friday and found a note left by the burly striker, saying he had left the country.

The news of Aldridge's departure stunned club manager Tony Vrzina, who has now lost six players from last season's team.

Vrzina is resigned to losing winger Jim Williams, who has said he won't play again for Slavia Heidelberg Utd and Croydon City have shown interest.

In a practice match last Friday night at the Showgrounds, Croatia defeated Slavia 2-1 with goals by Tommy Cumming and John Gardner. Cook replied for Slavia.

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## BELIC DISAPPOINTING

created by a hard working midfield.

Kriaris, who was making a comeback after two years in retirement, was the man of the match. — PETER DESIRA

### PARK RANGERS 2 SCOTT 2 WAVERLEY CITY 1

Waverley City (Whitehurst).

Park Rangers advanced to Main Round of the Dockerty Cup with a convincing 2-1 win over Waverley City.

After a fairly even opening, Park Rangers gradually assumed command, despite losing Tom Spalding through injury after only ten minutes.

Freddie Scott put them ahead in a goalmouth scramble at the 24 minute mark.

Waverley levelled early in the second half when Peter Whitehurst neatly headed past Paul Vassiliou after Rangers had failed to clear a corner.

But the young forward had a disappointing game, and missed three clear cut chances

from the kick-off.

WERRIBEE 1 (Thomson) SPRINGVALE CITY 0.

WERRIBEE: Dixon - Frazee, D. Collins, Jasinski, Reardon - Diogachino, J. Collins, Marshall, Mantello - Paisley, Thomson.

Fourth Division club Werribee caused an upset by defeating First Division club Springvale City.

Werribee's star striker Mike Paisley, who last week was bought back from Sunshine City for an undisclosed amount.

Paisley left Werribee for Sunshine in 1979.

### DOVETON 2 (Cherry 2) KEYSBOROUGH 0.

DOVETON: Ivanoff - Merrick injured (Robertson), Corke, Thurlow, McConville - Fakos, Bentley, Campbell - Collier (Roderick), McDonald, Cherry.

Doveton met stubborn resistance from Keysborough, but Arthur Cherry's two goals were enough to end the game for the First Division club.

New signing from Whylla Croatia, Neil Collier, made his debut for Doveton, which lost Ernie Merricks through injury early in the game.



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# Brunswick new home of Juventus

Victorian State League club Juventus will share the ground of Australian Rules club Brunswick this season.

Its first match there will be against Croydon City on Sunday, April 6.

The ground in Gillon Oval in Victoria Street, Brunswick.

Juventus will pay a nominal rental to Brunswick Football Club of \$100 a game.

Brunswick plays in the Second Division of the Victorian Football Association (VFA).

Brunswick Council has renewed the Football Club's lease of the ground for a period of 10 years, on the condition that Brunswick sublets it to Juventus for at least four years.

The council also will make available more money for ground maintenance and will help provide additional training grounds near Gillon Oval.

Juventus secretary Rocco DiZio explained this week that the club's juniors had been playing in

the City of Brunswick, at Sumber Park, for 15 years.

"In this way we have long been providing a community service, and the Mayor, Cr. Harold Jury, announced at our presentation night last year he would try to accommodate our senior team within the city as well."

The Member for Brunswick, Mr. Tom Roper MLA, was instrumental in Juventus' move to Gillon Oval. Mr. Roper is a committee-man of the Brunswick Football Club.

# FRANKSTON, SLAVIA IN DANGER

State League clubs Frankston City and Prahran Slavia face the possibility of an early and embarrassing elimination from the Victorian Dockerty Cup this weekend.

Frankston and Slavia, whose teams have been considerably weakened since last season, will be confronted by eager underdogs, who would like nothing better to claim the scalp of a State League team.

The Dockerty Cup first main round this weekend (March 22/23) sees the entry of the top State League clubs and the top two First Division teams, who have been sitting pretty while teams from lower leagues battled it out in the preliminary rounds.

Frankston City is drawn against arch rival Doveton of the First Division.

Doveton has recruited heavily in the close season, signing Hugh Campbell, Arthur Cherry (from Springvale City), Paul Corke (from Box Hill) and Neil Collier (from Whylla Croatia).

These players have been added to a talented squad, which includes Steve Irvine, Gordon Bentley, Ernie Merricks and Alec McConville.

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Doveton's opponent is South Melbourne, the Second Division off-spring of the PSL club.

The team is coached by the shrewd Cedric Cirkovic, who was the man behind many fine Footscray JUST teams.

Last Saturday Cirkovic's team demolished Doncaster Rovers 3-1 in a display that suggests South Melbourne could upset Slavia.

Cirkovic's team includes Steve Carr, the former Green Gully striker, and defender Kiri Kyriakoules, both of whom have PSL experience.

Frankston will depend heavily on defenders Bob Adams, John Taylor and Dave Cooper, midfielder Chris Valli and forward Tony Young.

These senior players will form the backbone, with promising youngsters Sean Parton and Dave Gilbert expected to perform well.

However, Doveton will be pushing hard for victory, and may pull off the surprise result.

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Prahran Slavia will depend a lot on sweeper Steve Lawson, who is tough defender. Youngsters Nigel Haupt and Paul Wade will probably be the full backs with Liam Hoston as the stopper. Fred Neri is the goalkeeper.

The midfield combination could be Dave Pyle, Cliff Whiteside and Paul Cooke.

The forward line is likely to be Danny Ward, Dave Griffiths and Mick McGorrian.

John Cullen, who would normally be a regular with Slavia, has a chipped bone in his foot and will miss several games.

Slavia and Frankston will have hard games. Of the other State League clubs, Altona City is the only with a potential.

Altona is at home to Footscray JUST, the Second Division team coached by Jim Kriaris, who made a comeback as a player last week.

The First Main Round of the Dockerty Cup, first game 1 pm, second game 2.45 pm.

SUNDAY

At Chapel Reserve: Anderson Road, Sunshine.

Albert Rovera v Ardeer

Sunshine City v Bell Park

At Croydon Park: Cnr. Springfield Rd. and Mt Dandenong Rd., Croydon

Ringwood City v Dan-deneong City

Croydon City v Box Hill

At B. T. Connor Reserve: Cnr. Radford Rd. and Dandurah Ave., Reservoir.

Juventus v Broadmeadows City

Preston Macedonia v Mel-

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At Middle Park

St Kilda Hakoah v Morn-

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Essendon Croatia v Frank-

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— KYLE PATTERSON

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# TRIUMPH

**Pictures by UTE GUTENDORF**

**Australia's Oceania Cup victory was practically ignored by our national press, yet it is one of the most significant successes achieved by the Socceroos.**

The calibre of the opposition may not have been high (with the exception of Tahiti) but it must be remembered that the average age of the Australian was 19, whereas their opponents were in their mid-twenties.

The results — 8-0, 11-2, 1-0 and 4-2 — gave the young players tremendous confidence for the future. Many of them played so well that they are sure to be stars in the senior Socceroo team.

Eddie Krncevic, Greg Woodhouse, Peter Sharne and Arno Bertogna were established Socceroos before the series. Afterwards, coach Rudi Gutendorf named Alan Davidson and George Christopoulos as "certain-

ties" for the 1981 World Cup qualifying series, and for the world tour at the end of this year.

He also sees a big future for Paul Kay and Ian Hunter — especially in the Coca-Cola World Youth Titles next year — and he will continue to monitor the progress of the other young stars.

Australia's future looks particularly bright when its Oceania Cup results are compared with those of New Zealand.

The Kiwis, considered our toughest opponents in the Oceania section of the World Cup qualifying series, crashed 1-3 to Tahiti and 0-4 to Fiji.

New Zealand coach John Adshead, like Gutendorf, took the opportunity

to try out some younger players, but his team included also established internationals Tony Sibley (who played against Australia in the 1973 World Cup series), goalkeeper Richard Wilson who is trying to join Canberra City, Bill DeGraaf, Bobby Almond, Ian Park and Steve Sumner. Adelaide City full back Glenn Dodds was also in the squad, but he could not play due to injury.

Ute Gutendorf, wife of Rudi Gutendorf, acted not only as the Australians' interpreter (she speaks fluent French) but also as "Soccer Action's" photographer.

This is her pictorial record of the 1980 Oceania Cup:

All Oceania Cup results appear in "Asia Watch."

## Australia's games

### Details of Australia's games:

**NEW CALEDONIA 0 AUSTRALIA 8** (Krncevic 3, Kay 2, Hunter 2, Moulis).

**AUSTRALIA:** Woodhouse (Banovic 75th), Moulis, Christopoulos, Bertogna, Bozanic — Raskopoulos (Hunter 46th), Davidson, Hogg — Kay, Krncevic, Sharne (Blair 83rd).

**NEW CALEDONIA:** Delhumeau, Hnageje, Decoile, Digous, Bearine, Koirmdredi, Wayewol, Kamba (Iopue 70th), Jacob Xowie, Jean Xowie, Korama (Simin 70th).

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA 2** (Monagi, Piska) **AUSTRALIA 11** (Sharne 4, Hunter 3, Moulis, Krncevic, Bozanic, Bertogna).

**AUSTRALIA:** Banovic — Moulis, Christopoulos, Bertogna, Bozanic — Raskopoulos (Brusasco), Hogg, Davidson — Kay, Krncevic (Hunter half time), Sharne.

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA:** Foster, Monagi, Vuluku (injured, sub Kisaku), Aihl, Torea, Kambe, Mollet, Seph, Piska, Kaore, Dagl.

**NEW HEBRIDES 0 AUSTRALIA 1** (Krncevic 22nd)

**AUSTRALIA:** Banovic (Woodhouse) — Hogg, Christopoulos, Blair, Davidson — Bozanic, Selemidis, Kay — Sharne (inj. sub Brusasco), Krncevic, Hunter (inj. sub Moulis).

**NEW HEBRIDES:** Delaveure, Kalsaf, Yalette, R. Nangard, Kaspard, Coulon, Nafoul, Kalsakau, -raquara, Jacabet, J. Nangard.

**FINAL: TAHITI 2** (Andre Wabealo 10th., Bennett 52nd) **AUSTRALIA 4** (Kay 2nd & 38th., Moulis 28th., Bozanic 60th).

**TAHITI:** le Bihan, Tapu, Temprere, Kenon, Burns, Alfred Webealo, Voirin, Haumani, Waoute, Andre Wabealo, Bennett.

**AUSTRALIA:** Woodhouse (Banovic) — Moulis (Bozanic), Christopoulos, Hogg, Davidson — Raskopoulos, Bertogna, Selemidis — Hunter (Brusasco), Krncevic, Kay.

Alan Davidson shoots at goal in the game against the New Hebrides.



The Socceroos after their 8-0 victory over New Caledonia in their first tournament match, from left, standing: Ian Hunter, Yakka Banovic, Steve Blair, Vic Bozanic, Rudi Gutendorf (coach), George Christopoulos, Danny Moulis. Front: Eddie Krncevic, Arno Bertogna, Paul Key, Alan Davidson, Steve Hogg, and a mascot.



Eddie Krncevic as one of the bearers of the FIFA flag at the opening ceremony.

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## ASIA WATCH

**Despite winning the Oceania Cup in Noumea, Australia holds only third place in our first "Asia Watch" standings for 1980.**

The 1980 standings will cover the period from December 1979 to November 1980 inclusive.

They are based on results of full international and Olympic matches. Results of the Olympic qualifying tournament in Singapore, won by Iran, are yet to be included.

Australia's results in China (four wins, one draw) were classed as B Internationals.

Standings according to results published by FIFA up to late last week:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	rate	P
Thailand	4	3	0	1	16	8	75.0	6
New Caledonia	4	3	0	1	14	12	75.0	6
Australia	7	4	1	2	26	15	64.3	9
Fiji	4	2	0	2	11	9	50.0	4
New Zealand	3	1	0	2	5	7	33.3	2
Papua-N. Guinea	3	1	0	2	6	22	33.3	2
New Hebrides	3	0	0	3	6	9	0.00	0
Solomon Is.	3	0	0	3	1	12	0.00	0

### Results:

**JANUARY:** Australia v Czechoslovakia 0-4, Australia v. Czechoslovakia 0-5, Australia v. Czechoslovakia 2-2.

**FEBRUARY:** Australia v. New Caledonia, Australia 0-8, Papua New Guinea v. Australia 2-1, New Hebrides v. Australia 0-1, Tahiti v. Australia 2-4, New Caledonia v. Fiji 2-1, Fiji v. Solomon Islands 3-1, Papua-New Guinea v. New Hebrides 4-3, New Caledonia v. New Hebrides 4-3, Tahiti v. New Zealand 3-1, Fiji v. New Zealand 4-0, Tahiti v. Solomon Islands 5-0, Fiji v. Tahiti 3-6, New Zealand v. Solomon Islands 4-0, New Caledonia v.



The first injury — Brian Corrigan, team doctor.



Australian coach Rudi Gutendorf took time Caledonian boys a half-hour soccer session in the loved it.

# N NOUMEA



Socceroos and their spoils, left to right, from top: Mark Brusasco, Alan Davidson, Bill Waddell (leader), Peter Raskopoulos, Rudi Gutendorf (coach), Ian Hunter, George Christopoulos, Arno Anna, a supporter (rear), Danny Moulis, Theo Selemidis, Steve Blair (front left), Yakka Banovic, Eddie Krnecic, Steve Hogg (behind him), Paul Kay (with Cup), Vic Bozanic (behind him), Peter Sharne, Chris Judge (referee), Greg Woodhouse (front right).



Danny Moulis and Eddie Krnecic, behind him, outnumbered by New Caledonian opponents.



Rudi Gutendorf goes over the tactics before the first match, against New Caledonia. The players, left: Kay, Christopoulos, Brusasco, Selemidis, Krnecic, Davidson, Bozanic, Raskopoulos, Hunter, Woodhouse.



Peter Raskopoulos (left) of Marconi turned 18 during the tournament, so the boys put on a party for him. Next to him, from left, are: Joe Senkalski, Mark Brusasco and Theo Selemidis.



On the bench four minutes into the final, and Rudi's checking his watch already. Others, from left: Yakka Banovic, Theo Selemidis, Mark Brusasco and Steve Blair.



Australian skipper Eddie Krnecic receives the Oceania Cup from the president of the Oceania Confederation, Sir Arthur George, who also is president of the Australian Soccer Federation.



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### *Blair shows how far a local kid can go*

Steve Blair's triumphant Philips League debut in the opening round of the 1980 season completes a whirlwind eight months for the youngster.

Not so long ago, Blair was known as a promising young defender in Albion Rovers' struggling State League team.

Now he has the world at his feet as an Australian international and a regular in State League debut in 1979 and 1980.

The fact that Blair has made it in a big way is not surprising, as he was earmarked for an exciting future ever since his State League debut in 1978 when only 16.

However, his rapid climb has been perhaps more remarkable than that of any other of the new breed of youngsters to burst on to the Australian scene recently.

Blair started off 1979 as a regular in Albion Rovers' team, which was doomed to failure and was eventually relegated.

But his aggressive and consistent display at centre back helped avert total disaster for Albion.

Blair was selected in the Victorian youth team and was one of the stars as the Vics won the national championship in Melbourne.

In August, he was again a key player as the Victorian schoolboys team carried off the national championship in Brisbane.

However, Albion's relegation cast a shadow over Blair's career and he decided to leave the club for South Melbourne.

It was an ambitious move by Blair and many people thought he would spend the season on the bench as South Melbourne had experienced players like Frank Munro, Chris Kalafatidis and Arthur Xanthopoulos vying for the central defensive positions.

But Blair had other ideas. In an Australia v. Victoria youth trial game, he played superbly and caught the eye of national coach Rudi Gutendorf.

Gutendorf was so impressed he named Blair in his squad to play in the Oceania Cup in Noumea. Blair made his international debut against New Hebrides, a game which Australia won 1-0.

Reports of Blair's display reached Middle Park and South Melbourne coach

John Margaritis took the bold step of omitting Scottish international Munro and Australian international Kalafatidis to make room for Blair.

Blair didn't let Margaritis down and his performance against Heidelberg Utd further underlined his enormous potential.

Blair is likely to be a key figure in Rudi Gutendorf's plans for the 1981 Coca-Cola World Youth Cup, to be played in Australia.

The youngster is eligible for the tournament and the experience he gains from playing in the PSL this season could make him an automatic choice.

Gutendorf said this week Blair is just the type of player he wants for the stopper's position in the full Socceroo team. "All he needs is to mature a little more," Gutendorf said.

And so Blair serves as a shining example to all young players, of just how far they can go in Australian soccer. — KYLE PATTERSON



Steve Blair barges at the ball ahead of Croydon forward Dave Brogan.



### Winning isn't everything



LEIF JENSEN

Learning to compete is of course a vital part of growing up. Because much of our life is spent competing for one thing or another, competing is considered by many as a "basic skill", and it is toward this that most youth sports programs are directed.

The sad truth is that because of the rapid growth of soccer and despite strong rules set down by the Victorian Junior League Management Committee, we find adults in charge of soccer teams who will use such things as illegal recruiting, "loading" teams and changing a players age because of his win-at-all-costs attitude, and in doing this creating problems which are not easy to rectify later.

Young children, if left alone, would compete and if left alone long enough would develop a healthy competitive spirit.

However insistence on fierce competition at too young an age has been found by experts to be detrimental to the youngsters development.

Just how much competition is good and when it becomes excessive are subjects of debate. Most competition programs recognise the whining and exclude or minimise recognition of such things as sportsmanship, effort and improvement.

The J.I.M.C. has recognised these factors and stopped official competition up to the age of eleven, but we still find adults who are running their own league ladders, creating carnivals where a winner is to be found and still adopting the "win-at-all-costs" attitude.

Few, if any of these adults, will admit to feeling that winning is more important than having fun. Yet after a season in many ways they show young players by their own behavior that winning IS the most important thing in soccer.

Most importantly, it is from OUR behavior that children learn what is important and acceptable. Remember, kids are far more affected by what is done than what is said or written in rules or laws.

Some quite unsavory behaviour on the part of young players can be created if they are not yet emotionally able to handle either excessive praise or screaming correction by coaches or parents.

Arrogance towards friends who are not members of the "winning" team, disrespect for opponents and offering of excuses for losing (often even in advance of a tough match) are often found among those youngsters given too much glory too fast.

Defence attitudes, frustration and eventually loss of all motivation to play soccer typifies the player who was told often and in many ways that somehow he and his team did not measure up to other teams. More next week.



He's got the front position again — this time Blair heads clear ahead of Brian Thom of George Cross. Behind them is Robert Mirak.

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# CAMPBELL BOSS OF GEORGE CROSS, AJAX SACKS TRIO

Archie Campbell — one of the finest players to wear the colors of George Cross — has returned to his old club as coach.

Campbell, a star winger in the 1960s, has been called in by George Cross to lead the club through a difficult season.

The move comes as George Cross had appointed Billy Wilkinson as player/coach late last season, and he had led the team through the Ampol Cup.

Wilkinson has been relieved of the coaching duties, but will remain as a player with George Cross.

Campbell, who won Victorian representative honors, has been coaching Second Division club Knox City.

Before that he coached Box Hill and Mooroolbark Utd, when that club was in the Philips League.

George Cross president Alf Zahra said he was delighted to have Campbell back at the club.

"Archie has a great knowledge of soccer, and the club is confident he will do an excellent job as coach," said Zahra.

"Our fans have tremendous respect for him, calling him the Stanley Matthews of Victoria during his playing days."

Zahra said Campbell would link up with Eddie Sacco, George Cross' team manager.

"Campbell and Sacco were in the same teams at George Cross," said Zahra, "and had a good understanding on the field. Eddie player right back, and worked well with Campbell on the right wing."

"I think this combination will continue in the area of coaching."

Zahra said the appointment of Campbell came after Wilkinson agreed to step down as coach.

"The club has the opinion that Wilkinson's playing was being affected by the pressures of coaching. He can't concentrate on his game properly, which makes it hard when he is trying to recover from a knee operation."

"It's too hard for him to combine both jobs, so by mutual agreement we decided



**Archie Campbell**

It would be better if Wilkinson devoted all his time to playing."

Wilkinson led George Cross to the State League championship and State League Cup in 1977 as player/coach, but he has been plagued by injury over the past 1½ seasons.

George Cross is still hoping to retain forward Jim Paraparas, who has been training with Phillips League club Heidelberg Utd.

Heidelberg has shown interest in Paraparas, but is also considering the purchase of Prahran Slavia winger Jim Williams.

Paraparas is still undecided on his future, but George Cross is doing all it can to entice the youngster to stay with the club at least one more season.

Striker Tony Cowan, who was linked with Preston Makedonia, will play with George Cross this season. However, a recurring knee injury is keeping him out of action at present.

Midfielder Damien Morgan is also injured after an accident with a forklift at his job. His foot was injured in the accident.

The George Cross goalkeeping crisis isn't over, but the club has persuaded Svez Mattson to return to training.

Mattson went into retirement early this season, mainly because of a troublesome leg injury, but there is some hope he will return to play again.

George Cross was rocked early this month when Mattson and young reserve goalkeeper Joe Agius announced their retirement.

Gerry Rice, the club's only other senior goalkeeper, has left Australia for Britain.

Former Essendon Croatia and Preston Makedonia goalkeeper Dime Petrovski is training with George Cross, and may join the club if Mattson decides not to continue his career.

Winger Peter Ebini, who has stood out of soccer for two seasons to establish himself as a top DJ in Melbourne discos, is back in training with Kellor Austria.

Austria as yet hasn't approached George Cross on a possible transfer deal for Ebini.

George Cross defender Ian Runcie, who was bought from Prahran Slavia for \$1,000 last

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season, is likely to join Queensland club Gold Coast Utd.

Francis Mitsuf is off the transfer list and back in training, and Paul Murphy is anxious to re-join the club, but visa problems could prevent such a move.

George Cross has signed young Albion Rovers forward Craig Nisbet. Craig, the younger brother of Albion defender Bobby Nisbet, came into the Rovers first team last year.

He is a fine prospect, and is a good signing for George Cross.

### Ajax sacks three players

Green Gully Ajax has 'sacked' three players — Les Thomson, Peter Donaldson and Steve Carpenter.

Thomson and Donaldson have been put on the transfer list and will be given free clearances, and Carpenter has been de-registered by the club.

The club has been forced to 'sack' the three players in order to conform to Australian Soccer Federation rules on the number of temporary residence visa players allowed at each club.

Green Gully has recruited three temporary residence visa players this season — Jimmy Dunne (Maidstone, England), Gerry Bennett (Warrford Utd, England) and Bill Morris (Marine, England).

Being allowed to have only three such players, Green Gully was forced to axe Thomson, Donaldson and Carpenter, who are on temporary visas.

Green Gully president Guy Spiteri said the club was reluctant to take such tough measures.

"The club is unhappy to have to get rid of these players," said Spiteri this week, "but we are left with no other choice."

"The ASF rules have put Green Gully, and many other clubs, into a tight corner. This is only one thing the club can do under these circumstances."

Spiteri said Thomson and Donaldson would be cleared to any State League club which can accommodate them — meaning any club which has two or less temporary visa players.

Carpenter is in a different position than Thomson and Donaldson. He has been de-registered by the club, and therefore is not tied with any club legally.

As temporary residence players are supposed to be supported by a club (under Immigration Department rules), Carpenter faces the threat of deportation.

"Green Gully signed Carpenter under the misconception that he would be granted permanent residence," said Spiteri. "The club has learned this is not the case, and has de-registered the player with the ASF."

There was speculation on the classification of Jimmy Dunne. As he has played international soccer for the Republic of Ireland, it was thought he could be classified a 'world class' player, and thus mean he wouldn't be counted as a 'temporary'.

However, this is not possible. The ruling on 'world-class' players is applied only if the player is making 'guest' appearances with the club — in other words, a short-term stay with the club.

Dunne will sign a three-year contract with Green Gully — a period that couldn't be described as short-term.

Green Gully coach Bobby McLachlan is still searching for a forward. Last week he spoke by telephone to former England star Martin Chivers, but decided not to sign him.

However, a new striker should arrive soon, and the possibility of Steve Carr returning from South Melbourne isn't out of the question.

### Sunbury on the move

Provisional League club Sunbury Utd. is set to sign Joe Thompson and David Stokes from Albion Rovers.

Thompson, the former Green Gully Ajax full back, and Stokes, a muggetty midfielder who booted Sunbury's already strong team,

Cochrane George Train is confident Sunbury will have a successful season. "We will win

the league, no problems," he said last week.

Train joined Sunbury this season as player/coach from State League club Altona.

He previously played with Essendon Croatia and was in that club's team when it won the Ampol Cup in 1977.

However, Train had the misfortune of breaking an ankle at training early in the season.

"I broke my ankle about five weeks ago," said Train. "It was pretty serious, and I had to have an operation."

"The plaster comes off today (Wednesday), and I expect to be back in action in about a month's time."

Despite the injury setback, Train missed only one training session as a coach.

"I've been coaching on crutches," he said, "but of course, I couldn't do any practical demonstrations."

Train added that he was pleased with the progress his team had made.

Sunbury won the Comp Cup on the Moomba weekend, overcoming a field which included several top Metropolitan League teams.

Ironically, Sunbury played Waverley City in the final. Waverley's player/coach is Jim Train, George's brother.

Centre half Glenn Westley



**Where-are-they-now department.** Former Croatia-Melbourne winger Terry Hergreaves (right) is now starring with Victorian Metropolitan League side Park Rangers. Here he is, opposed by Port Melbourne's Takianos in a recent Dockey Cup match.

Brian Monaghan has returned to England mid-fielder Jim Train has joined Waverley City as player/coach and full back Frank Thompson is on the transfer list.

Ian Reid, who left the club for one season to coach Broadmeadows, has returned.

Add to that that Thompson, Stu and a fit George Train, and Sunbury has an impressive line up.

Sunbury has lost only one player from last season's team, young centre half Alan Blakely, who has joined Croydon City.

The local Bulla council has undertaken to construct a social club 40 squares in size at Sunbury's Langama Park.

The building should be complete midway through this season.

With Williams unlikely to play with Slavia this season, Vrzina faces the task of replacing five players from the 1979 Slavia team, which missed relegation on goal difference only.

Centre half Glenn Westley

floodlighting for night training sessions.

Box Hill's junior coaches this season are: u/16 - Bill Harris, u/15 - Mike Roadhouse, u/14 - John Ireland and Jim Sisonis, u/13 - Ray Sherman, u/12 - Rod Toohey, u/11 - Felix O'Neill, u/10 - John O'Donnell, u/9 - John Wilson, u/8 and u/7 - Tony Ireland.

### Williams at Heidelberg

Disgruntled Prahran Slavia forward Jim Williams has been training with Phillips League club Heidelberg Utd.

Williams, who was the centre of a transfer wrangle this season, wants to leave Slavia.

However, Slavia manager Tony Vrzina is adamant Williams will not be 'given away' to any club.

"In all fairness, Waverley was the best team in the Comp Cup," said George, "but Sunbury was able to match Waverley and win the trophy on penalties."

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Peter Donaldson slides in to rob Western Suburbs' Kit Green. Donaldson and Les Thoson have been sacked by Green Gully.

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Hellas president Sam Papasavas (right) presents Theo Marmaras with a portrait at the dinner given in his honor. Picture by Les Shorrock.

## Tribute to Marmaras

The soccer fraternity paid tribute to Theo Marmaras at a dinner organised by South Melbourne Hellas at its social club last week.

Mr Marmaras probably has been the single most significant individual in Victorian soccer over the past 25 years.

He retired only last year from the presidency of the VSF. He was the longest-serving USF president, and founder president of Hellas and also a leading administrator in the Australian Soccer Federation.

It was Mr Marmaras who negotiated Australia's readmittance to FIFA after a period of suspension over failure by local clubs to pay transfer fees for overseas players.

Mr Sam Papasavas, the present president of South Melbourne Hellas, told the dinner that without Theo Marmaras there would not have been a Hellas — "and I emphasise the name Hellas." Mr Papasavas added:

"Theo Marmaras has been the inspiration of this club and the voice of soccer to the outside community. He also has been the leader and the voice of the Greek community for 30 years."

"We have invited him to this dinner because we owe him so much. We hope to see Theo at the club often. We want him to remain part of what he has built up."

VSF secretary George Waller read a telegram from ASF president Sir Arthur George who regretted he was unable to attend but sent his heartfelt best wishes.

Mr John Dimitsis, who has taken over from Marmaras as VSF president, said: "There's no way I can carry on the same way as Theo, for in his representation of the Greek community I could not possibly match him."

"However, Theo, it was you and the influence you had with my father that contributed to me becoming involved in soccer."

VSF chairman and ASF vice-president Michael Weinstein said: "I had the good fortune to work with Theo for 25 years — and that's been my best reward from my involvement with soccer. The only person with whom I have stayed longer than Theo is my wife."

"Thank you for everything — not only for getting me involved in soccer, but also in the South Melbourne club when we built this ground and you gave me the job to amalgamate the two Greek



## Coventry signs Belgian star

From JIM COOK  
our European correspondent

Roger Van Gool, the 29-year-old Belgian international striker, has transferred to Coventry City from FC. Cologne for around 250,000 pounds.

Van Gool will commute each week from Cologne to Coventry by air travel, until July when he will move to England.

David Harvey sees the Leeds United and former Scotland goalkeeper, has moved to Vancouver Whitecaps for a token 40,000 pound fee. Harvey who had been in 17 seasons with Leeds, had his testimonial game last week.

Johan Cruyff has signed a three year contract with Washington Diplomats which will net him around 700,000 pounds in basic pay plus a similar amount from commercial interests.

Paul Woods, a supporter of Fulham has been banned from the club for life after allegedly trying to organise a take-over bid of the relegation-threatened London second division side.

Woods evidently approached Corals, the bookmakers, to spearhead the take-over bid. Malcolm (Supermac) McDonald, the former Arsenal and England star who is Fulham's chief marketing executive said: "We cannot afford to have people in purely unofficial capacities going off at half-cock".

Mr Marmaras thanked Mr Papasavas and the Hellas committee for arranging the dinner in his honour.

He recalled the days of Australia's suspension from FIFA and he praised the then FIFA president, Sir Stanley Rous for helping get Australia back into the world organisation. He had proposed a committee to form an ASF president Sir William Wallace and the Hamilton brothers, who ran the old South Melbourne Club that was one of the parts which made up South Melbourne Hellas.

Theo Marmaras recalled the days when 25,000 people came to Olympic Park to watch a top club match.

"Where are they now?" he asked.

Sammy Irvine, Stoke City's 23-year-old Scottish midfielder, is out for the rest of the season after having crashed his TR7 sports car. He required hundreds of stitches for face and head wounds. Irvine will require plastic surgery.

Ted McDowell, the former Manchester United, Norwich West Ham and Scottish international scoring ace, is to become player-coach of Blackpool. He will be second in command to Alan Ball, who takes over as manager in September. McDowell who is one of the elite to have scored over 200 goals in league football is

still banging them in for Bournemouth.

The North American Soccer League has extended its programme, which begins on March 29, to last until August 24. English players on loan, whose clubs reach the WASL final, will miss the first five weeks of the English domestic season.

Trevor Francis of Nottingham Forest has signed a lucrative deal with German sportswear firm Adidas.

Osvaldo Ardiles of Spurs will be a spectator when Argentina plays England at Wembley on March 18. Argentine manager Cesare Menotti has said he will only use players playing in Argentine.

The Professional Footballers Association in England has warned players not to sign for American clubs until their contracts have been thoroughly vetted by the PFA.

Arsenal and A.S. Roma will travel to New York in May to play against New York Cosmos and Vancouver Whitecaps in the first Transatlantic Challenge Cup.

Santillana, the Real Madrid centre forward had a kidney removed when he was struck down with a rare illness in 1973. He has also suffered a serious eye injury during his career.

Show-Biz celebrity Eric Morley, who runs and organises the Miss World contests, played with St Mirren as a winger for two years.

Los Angeles Aztecs, reported to be heavily in debt, have new owners — a Mexican consortium which was not interested in keeping Johan Cruyff. And Rinus Michels, who took Cruyff to Aztecs, has quit the Los Angeles side.

MIKE JOHNSON

The recent controversy regarding David Jones move from West Adelaide to Adelaide City was interesting to me because it was I who originally signed Jones for West Adelaide.

There is an equally interesting story regarding the Jones signing, which is worth relating.

Jones had been recommended to me by fellow West Australian State team player, Gordon McCulloch, whom I previously had signed for West Adelaide.

I negotiated a transfer fee of \$3000 for Jones by phone with Jones' West Australian club.

I then asked the West Adelaide club to allow me to go to Perth to discuss the agreement with Jones.

Instead, a week later, came a letter saying that I must not act against committee directives.

The final irony is that Adelaide City now gets Jones as a fully fledged international player for \$5000.

During our negotiations Jones, an intelligent well-educated man, insisted that he must be freed for no more than the \$3000 West Adelaide paid for him if he desired to leave West Adelaide.

I said that if he gave us good service he could go for \$5000 at the end of a three-year contract.

Jones in fact has given West Adelaide three years of excellent service, winning Australian honours in the process.

As for the so-called agreement between the two Adelaide clubs that they would not poach each other's players, that was broken at the very start of the Phillips League when West Adelaide signed John Kosmin, who had been all set to sign for Adelaide City.

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## ADELAIDE CITY GETS ITS MAN — AFTER THREE YEAR WAIT

Gordon McCulloch, who had only just moved over from Perth and was living in the same motel, had about \$1000 on him.

I borrowed that money from him, caught the plane, met Jones and his club officials at midnight at Perth airport and arranged the deal.

I wrote a cheque for \$25000, aware that there was only \$1000 in my account and added to that the \$100 borrowed from McCulloch.

Then I caught the next plane back to Adelaide, arriving weary but happy, back at the southern capital about 5 am and went straight to my motel for a sleep.

I had hoped that I may get some thanks from my club for my resoluteness in snaring Jones.

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"Charlton is used as a consultant by numerous companies in Britain," he said.

"He is also a successful businessman in his right, so he knows what companies are looking for when they spend money on promotion and sponsorship."

Charlton, even at 42, is still good value on the soccer field as he proved with Blacktown City.

I remember playing at Old Trafford for Fulham when Charlton was a dynamic left winger with awesome power in his left foot and devastating speed off the mark.

Everytime he touched the ball there was a shrill cry of expectation from the crowd.

In those days he was a moody, power player who gradually developed into a mature midfielder, probably the most popular soccer player England has produced, ahead of the 100 capped Bill Wright of Watford and the legendary Sir Stanley Matthews.

According to Terry Seacy not only is he still showing us how to play the game, but also how to play it where it matters just as much for the people whose money is so important to soccer's development.

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"Soccer Action" writer Ted Smithies should look at soccer with greater knowledge and depth before he starts making dogmatic criticisms like that which he levelled at me for Wollongong United's Ampol Cup quarter final defeat against Bankstown.

He said that Wollongong, under my instructions, played defensively with only two men up front, and consequently this destroyed our attacking flair.

In fact I did not instruct our team to play defensively and for the first time in the Ampol Cup we played with three men up front against Bankstown.

In our previous three undefeated Ampol Cup games, when he credits us with attacking flair, we played only with two men up front.

You often play games the way the opposition allows you to play.

In previous games against Kuringai and Marrickville, both of these teams had defences as open and suspect as our own, and this was the reason both these teams failed to make the quarter finals.

Because of terribly suspect defences, our games against Kuringai and Marrickville were quite spectacular for the goals scored, 3-3 and 4-4.

Against Croatia's better defence and that of Bankstown we scored only one goal, each from the penalty spot.

Mr Smithies does not give Bankstown enough credit for the way they played against us. They are a very aggressive and tight marking team.

Neither did he mention the fact that when we got our equalising captain John Birmingham off injured and striker Vasco Dalkovski was completely subdued, with a dislocated collar bone.

Dalkovski was injured in the tackle which produced our penalty, not Sattin as reported by Mr Smithies.

I can take criticism which is well founded, but I do not take kindly to dogmatic blame from a person who is not even able to detect when my team is playing with three strikers or two.

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## CLUB CLOSE-UP



Standing from left: Jim Tansey (joined 1977 from Slavia), Pat Bannon (1973 from Broxburn, Scotland), Gary Cole (1976 from Ringwood, Wilhelmina), Theo Belenidis (1977 from South Melbourne Hellas Juniors), Yelka Barovic (1978 from Essendon Croatia), Jeff Oliver (1978 from Alton Rovers), Arthur McMillan (1977 from Hamilton Academicals, Scotland).  
Front: Andy Balkis (1974 from South Melbourne Hellas), Jeremy Rooney (1975 from Marconi), Jamie Paton (1979 from Slavia), Jim Campbell (1977 from Bedford England), John Yamdrom (1979 from Slavia), Charila Yankos (from Heidelberg Juniors), George Pavlidis (from Juniors). Picture by LEE SHORROCK.

• Heidelberg United, previously known as Fitzroy-Alexander, was promoted to the Victorian State League for the third time in 1979. Previously it was promoted in 1963 and 1965, but relegation followed quickly. After coming up again in 1969, Heidelberg finished 10th in 1970 and 11th in 1971 and 1972 before the election of Jim Mangopoulos as president heralded a new era for the club. It finished sixth in 1973, fourth in 1974 and, with Manny Pouliakis as coach, it won the 1975 championship. Heidelberg entered the Phillips League in 1977 and since then has been Melbourne's most PSL successful club, finishing third, fifth and second. Pat Bannon and Jim Rooney are joint playing-coaches. Heidelberg's Socceroos are Tansey, Cole, Belenidis, Banovic, Rooney, Campbell and Yandrom.

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Medutim, trener i igrači JUST-a ne moraju dugo da cekaju, jer im je vec dve nedelje prava prilika da ostvare svoja obećanja i zelje pred svojim navijacima u Melbourne. JUST igra protiv Brisbanu, a tada se vratiti u Middle Park u subotu 22. marta. Pocetak u 3 sati po podne.

**GLAVNA RUNDA DOCKERTY KUPA**

Iduce subote i nedelje igra se prvo glavno kolo Dockerty Kupa, u koje se uključuju klubovi prve lige. Najlakši posao će imati Croatia koja igra protiv Frankston Pinesa. I Makedonija, koja je izvelika Melbourne na svom igralistu, praktično se kvalifikovala za osmini finala. Sretna je i Altona Gate, ciji je protivnik Northcote City. sto ne bi smela da bude velika prepreka. Najteži posao imace da obavi drugi tim JUST-a, koji igra protiv prvoligasne Altona City na Kini Reserve. Medutim, diržavna palica Jimi Kriarisa može lako preokreneti odnos snaga u korist "plavih". U to veruje i menadžer Jimi Kriaris.

**UBEDJLJIVI POBEDA ALTONE GATE**

Altona Gate je preigrao Ferntree Gully sa 4:0 (0:0) posle odlicne igre i dobiti vlasenje. Seriju golova je otvorio Boris Gelman, koji je posle solo prodora postigao divan gol sa više kaznenog prostora. Kada je jedanput naceta protivnicka mreza, poste je sve isto kao podmazano. Sekula Sekulovski, novilađa iz Osnice, povišio je na 2:0. Kire Veljanovski na 3:0. Seriju golova je završio Slobodan Dimitrijević, koji je na pocetku sezone presao iz Vojvodine, Witone. Pobedi bi bili ubedljiva da je Altona Gate nastupila u punom sastavu. Najbolji strelac Vlado Kotevski nije mogao da igra zbor povrede, a Jonce Serovski je imao privatne probleme.

**KRIARIS DIRIGENT "PLAVIH"**

Jimi Kriaris je pre dvije godine oprostio od velikog nogometnog, ali je posle uspešnog letenja u odmoru u Evropi odlučio da okusa sreću sa druge liga. Na početku sezone, JUST je prešao Cobes sa 3:2 (1:1) u drugom kolu Dockerty Kupa, zahtijevajući Kriarisa. Istina, nije postigao ni jedan gol, ali je sedam do osam put poslužio milade igrače takvim loptama da se mreza ne može promišljati. Medutim, neuskusni igrači "plavih" rezervi iskoristili su samo tri zanse, a pet puta su se obrukali. Velika nadja Philips ligi Vlatko Belic postigao jedan divan gol, ali je promisio tri "statera", kada je iz neposredne blizine dodao golmani loptu u ruke. Lepe golove su postigli Dan Smurgeski i Pavle Simic. Protivnik je iskoristio dve skolske greske odrbrane "plavim" i postigao dva gola. Odrvana igra dobro, ali je sklonišnici pod pritiskom. Da su imali trenera na klipi verovatno bi imali bolje i organizovanije. Najbolji igrači: Kriaris, Smurgeski i Acsadi.

U predigri za JUST, Dragan Nedeljkovski, Robert Sofi, Terry Adema i Zoran Djordjević su jedan.

JUST-u su igrali prijateljske utakmice. Tim Ispod 12 godina pobedio je Northern Suburbs u Geelongu sa 5:3. Streliči: Tony Bećinovski 2, Darko Bobos, Mike Ferrera i Petar Grmusa. Tony je jedan Ispod 13 godina: Northern Suburbs — JUST 5:2. Streliči za JUST: braka Michael i Caesar Ferrera. Ispod 14 godina: JUST — Western Suburbs 3:2 (0:1). Roman Filipović je postigao svu tri gola za JUST.

**OSTALE KUP UTAKMICE**

Clifton Hill — Central Altona 2:0 (0:0) za Provinčionalni Kup. Zbog nedostatka kondicije Central Altona/Sloga je popustio u zavrenici i zasluzeno izgubila od spremnijeg protivnika. Ipak, trener Kito Grozdanov smatra da će tim igrači mnogo bolje posle nekoliko treninga i kada se novi igrači bolje snadju u novoj sredini. Central Altona trenira utornikom i četvrtkom na igralistu Lailor High School — Pascoe Vale.

Burnley — Pascoe Vale/PELISTER 2:1 (1:0) za District Kup. Strelič za Pelister George Tilovski. Optet je kondicija odlučujuća. Pelister trenira dva puta nedeljno, utornikom i četvrtkom, pod vrh dobrih ekonomista koje bi pozeli mnogo veći klubovi. Klub radio prime nove igrače, koji se lako mogu probiti u prvi tim ako pokazuju strpljenje i talent.

**PRIJATELJSKE UTAKMICE**

Carlton/SRBIA — Diecraft 6:1 (1:1); Streliči: Ljuba Stojanović 3, gola, Zoran Krnic 2 i Miladin Bjelogrlic 1 za Carlton, Miladen Matić za Diecraft.

Yugoslavia first division: Napredak 2 Sarajevo 0, Celik 1 Partizan 1, Vardar 1 Osijek 0, Radnicki 1 Sloboda 0, Dinamo 0 Borac 0, Željeznica 3 Vojvodina 0, Rijeka 2 Buducnost 0, Red Star 2 Olimpija 1, Hajduk 0 Valjevo postponed.

**AROUND THE WORLD**With ELIAS  
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Barcelona, the famous team of Spain, has obtained the Argentinian, Herrera, as a coach.

Herrera has been working for the past 20 years in Italy.

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Scottish international Bruce Rioch has declined an offer from the American team, Seattle.

He was offered \$50,000 to play with the team for one year, but Rioch was asking \$75,000.

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Here it is again!!!!!! The American team, Strikers, will pay \$1 million to New York Cosmos to obtain

the international Brazilian player, Francisco Marinho.

And since we have mentioned New York Cosmos, it is worthwhile to say that they are interested in obtaining the famous Greek player, Mimia Papaiouannou, who at the moment is playing with a Cyprus team in America.

Scottish goalkeeper, David Harvey, 32, received \$80,000 compensation and left Leeds, after playing with them for 17 years, to go to play with the Canadian team, Vancouver.

West Melbourne 2

Burnley S.C. 2

West Brunswick 4

Altona United 0

Pascoe Vale 1

Clarinda 2

En un partido de trámite normal y con un final lamentable, la fractura de tibia del jugador Yugoslav ROLABEL del ALTONA UNITED, los GAUCHOS ganaron su primer partido por la DISTRICT CUP. Con la ausencia del referi oficial y bajo el arbitraje del Presidente del ALTONA los Gauchos formaron asa;

**WEST MELBOURNE:** CIUTERA-CALOMINO-NAVA  
RO-GARCIA-BUTTER-SARCO-SANCHEZ-VALDEZ ("ACHICO")-REPOJOS-BRIS-CIO- Coles - BRISCOY y CALDIERO. Publico: Gran sorpresa mucho aliento para los ganadores.

En una tarde hermosa para la práctica del fútbol, en un campo en regulares condiciones Los Gauchos dieron el primer examen de la temporada.

Jugaron en general bien, en forma pareja, mostrando orden y deseos de "encontrarse" con pelota bien jugada y llegando en forma contundente.

Las figuras para destacar, el legendario "MANIJA MOYANO" y una figura joven NESTOR SANCHEZ. Otra sorpresa, un joven jugador hecho en el West Melbourne, Jorge Briscio, que demostró una vez más la contundencia de su tiro y su porteño. Se destacaron HUIZ que debutó y el resto acompañó en buen nivel.

Para el ALTONA UNITED, solo la fuerza, varias corridas y la clásica "lucha" de estos equipos.

Los goles, producto del oportunismo de BRIS-CIO y la experiencia de JORGE "CAU DUOLLO" CALDIERO.

Lamentablemente y a solo 6 minutos del final en una desgraciada jugada el jugador C.ROLABEL遭受了一次严重的伤害，他的腿骨折了。被迫由AMBULANCIA fue inmediatamente en el Hospital de Footscray.

En un campo que invitaba a jugar, con mucho público y el aliento constante de la barra Española, LOS CHAVALES, ganaron muy bien y pudieron golear a un rival que solo atino a defenderse.

**BURNLEY S.C.:** LOZZI-LTRAN-P-CALLE-LOCHAY-GUIMAREY-J.PINAS

HERNANDO-A-SAVERDRA-CALLE-ORTIZ-SAZ-SIN cambios y con la Dirección Técnica de JUAN CALLE y la colaboración del jugador COCHO y MANUEL LOPEZ como asistentes, los españoles debieron afrontar en este compromiso con un equipo que aunque entraña y se conoce, ofrecía dudas. La falta de Director Técnico, ante la renuncia del señor CHISBEDOS, no fue obstativo para que los españoles pudieran regresar felices a FITZROY. Buen triunfo y no se goleo porque eran tantas las ganas que se quería penetrar en la portería con BALÓN Y TODO.

LOS CHAVALES demostraron lo que valen y el medio campo fue el que mas lució, HERMANDO bajando siempre a recibir solo y el incansable trabajo de J.PINAS Y CALLE (JUAN FURLA), dieron solides a un equipo que desde el primer momento demostró que estaba para ganar.

Un parrafo especial para LOPEZ. El portero español que tiene la responsabilidad de reemplazar al transferido LILAHARA SAVERDRA. LOPEZ, demostró estar a la altura del equipo, saliendo bien, y defendiendo variadas pelotas con destino de gol.

Los goles, Arturo SAVERDRA y ORTIZ ambos en buenas jugadas. Saz, J.Calle y Ortiz se "comieron" varios.

El PASCOE VALE, poco mostró, defendiendo se como pudo ante un equipo que lo superó en forma colectiva y individual.

**DUELO CRIOLLO: EL DOMINGO ARGENTINA vs URUGUAY**

El proximo domingo se han de enfrentar por las eliminatorias de la DISTRICT CUP 80, los primeros equipos del WEST MELBOURNE y WEST BRUNSWICK en campo que aun no se ha designado. Puede ser BOX HILL, FOON LONIA MARIBYRNONG o WAWERLEY CITY, todos cerrados y a prueba de HINCHADAS. El Comite de Futbol del

WEST MELBOURNE que hará las veces de local a disertar todo lo necesario para que POLICIA, y ASISTENCIA MEDICA, cubran el encuentro.

Se preparan varios actos previos antes del partido y los tres jueces han de ser sorteados de una lista de Primera Division que pondrá

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**SECRETARY:** G. Ursini (08) 31 0778

**COACH:** R. Basic

**GROUND:** Olympic Sports Field, Kensington  
(08) 332 5614 – 332 5618

**COLOURS:** Black & White.

**SPONSORS:** United Brokers

This week's match: v CANBERRA CITY at  
Bruce Stadium (Canberra) Sunday 3 pm



## BLACKTOWN CITY S.C.

62 Seven Hills Road North, Seven Hills 2147. Phone 624 3344

**SECRETARY:** P. R. Thorne (Ph) as above.

**COACH:** M. Jones

**GROUND:** Gabbie Stadium, Quinn Ave, Seven Hills

**COLOURS:** white, red black trim,  
black, red white trim  
black red white

This week's match: v NEWCASTLE KB UNITED  
at Gabbie Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm



## BRISBANE CITY

P. O. Box 265 Broadway, Brisbane 4001

Club phone: 356 8834

**SECRETARY:** G. Canale bus (07) 52 4711.

**COACH:** N. Saftich.

**GROUND:** Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne.

**SPONSOR:** STOCK 84 BRANDY

This week's match: v ST. GEORGE at  
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## BRISBANE LIONS

P.O. BOX 310, DARRA QLD 4076

**SECRETARY:** L. Oudendyk

**COACH:** M. Carson

**GROUND:** Lions Stadium, Pine Rd, Richlands,  
07 (phone) 372 2989

**Colours** Orange and Blue



This week's match: v FOOTSCRAY at  
Middle Park (Melbourne) Saturday 3 pm

## CANBERRA CITY

P.O. Box 910, Canberra City 2600

**SECRETARY:** Max Talbot (W) 48 8917 (A.H.) 88 5078.

**COACH:** V. Fernandez

**GROUND:** National Athletic Stadium, Bruce

**SPONSOR:**

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This week's match: ADELAIDE CITY at  
Bruce Stadium (Canberra) Sunday 3 pm



## HEIDELBERG UNITED

P.O. BOX 8, COLLINGWOOD, 3066

**SECRETARY:** A. Loustas 419 2588.

**COACHES:** J. Rooney & P. Bannon

**GROUND:** Olympic Park, Swan St., Melb.  
(03) 42 0642.

**COLOURS:** Black & Gold

**COACHES:** J. Rooney & P. Bannon

This week's match: v SYDNEY CITY at  
Sydney Sports Ground (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm



## FOOTSCRAY

P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182

**SECRETARY:** H. Iser bus (03) 391 3231

**COACH:** R. Ille

**GROUND:** Western Oval, Barkly St, Footscray

**COLOURS:** Blue White Red.

This week's match: v BRISBANE LIONS at  
Middle Park (Melbourne) Saturday 3 pm



## LEICHARDT

38-42 FRAZER ST., LEICHARDT 2040.

**SECRETARY:** H. Ambrose (02) 516 1688

**COACH:** W. Wallace

**GROUND:** Lambert Park  
Phone 569 6845 (Match days)

**Promotion Officer:** T. Raciti. Phone 82 0187

**Colours:** Maroon, Sky Blue

This week's match: v MARCONI at  
Lambert Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm



## NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

4 NORTHWOOD ST., ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, N.S.W., 2289

**SECRETARY:** P. Trisley, Bus. (049) 24930 (049) 26 2433

**COACH:** A. Vest

**GROUND:** International Sports Centre, Turton Rd.,  
New Lambton. Ph (049) 52 1224

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This week's match: v BLACKTOWN CITY at  
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## MARCONI

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. 2176

**SECRETARY:** M. Urukalo – (02) 604 5095 or 604 5222.

**COACH:** L. Scheinflug.

**GROUND:** Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd.,  
Bossley Park.



This week's match: v LEICHARDT at  
Lambert Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm

## SOUTH MELBOURNE

P.O. BOX 64, ST. KILDA WEST, VIC., 3182

**GENERAL SECRETARY:** J. Karvess 534 5048  
& 534 5462  
(Restaurant) 534 4141

**COACH:** John Margaritis

**GROUND:** Middle Park, Aughtie Drive, Middle Park

**COLOURS:** Blue & White

This week's match: v WEST ADELAIDE at  
Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm



## ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIA AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.

**GENERAL MANAGER:** L. Bordacs (02) 269 2745.

**COACH:** R. Blanco

**GROUND:** St George Stadium, Rockdale

**Colours:** Red, White & Green



This week's match: v BRISBANE CITY at  
Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm

## SYDNEY CITY

61 HALL ST., BONDI, NSW.

**SECRETARY:** P. Russell (phone) 02 30 3344

**COACH:** E. Thomson

**GROUND:** E. S. Marks Field

**Colours:** Sky Blue White Hoops, White Shorts,  
Red Socks



This week's match v HEIDELBERG at  
Sydney Sports ground (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm

## WEST ADELAIDE

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001

**SECRETARY:** D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 227 4311.

**COACH:** G. Chaldi

**GROUND:** Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St., Hindmarsh.

**COLOURS:** Blue white stripes — Blue Shorts



This week's match v SOUTH MELBOURNE at  
Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 2-30 pm